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Certum Solutions Awards \$5,000 Grant for Environmental Sustainability to Cape Fear Botanical Garden

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Certum Solutions, a one-stop shop for business technology using integrated solution stacks and peripheral hardware with **QuickBooks** software at their base, has awarded a \$5,000 grant to Fayetteville, N.C.-based **Cape Fear Botanical Garden** for encouraging the use of reusable water bottles for healthy hydration and reduced waste.

The grant was awarded based on an essay contest for Earth Day and continuous attention to the environment throughout the year. Businesses were encouraged to tell a story through an essay about how they are helping preserve the environment. According to the Garden's essay, the Garden recently installed an Elkay Bottle Filling Station and Bubblers in the Entry Pavilion of the Wyatt Visitors Pavilion Complex. The touchless bottle filler is easy to use and has a minimal splash to reduce water

waste. The system's antimicrobial protection components inhibit the growth of mold and mildew to provide cleaner, safer drinking water.

“We were very impressed with the Garden’s innovative way they are helping our planet thrive,” said Katie Bunschoten, president of Certum Solutions. “As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Garden secured a discounted price of \$1,488 for the Elkay Bottle Filling Station and Bubbler, so the grant of \$5,000 will assist the Garden in replacing existing water bubblers in three locations, including the Classroom Corridor, Administration Wing, and Grand Hall entryway.”

The essay contest is part of Certum’s focus to help businesses grow and thrive through community efforts, chamber of commerce activities, and employee volunteer activities.

“Certum Solution’s Earth Day 2023 grant fits seamlessly with Cape Fear Botanical Garden’s mission to connect people to nature, said Meg Suraci, development manager. “Believing that simple first steps often lead to a greater impact, the Garden is honored to have a part in teaching our community members and guests ways to sustain the environment for future generations. Cape Fear Botanical Garden is thrilled to watch as the ticker counter number continues to increase and would be pleased to have Certum Solutions as a partner in Cape Fear Botanical Garden’s ongoing sustainability endeavor.”

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